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The National Intelligencer says, concerning the President's recent Message:—"It will be seen that the President maintains with becoming firmness the ground taken by him in his Annual Message, to the effect that we should preserve inviolate the neutral obligations imposed by our existing laws, and that all unlawful expeditions against a feeble sister Republic should be discontinued and arrested. This he considers imperative, not only by virtue of the high character we have hitherto enjoyed, but also as the obvious duty of sound policy. Whatever of progress our people are destined to make in the natural course of events, and under the great principle of justice, which lies at the foundation of the laws of nations. We cannot doubt that the sound and conservative views of the President will be found in accordance with the sentiments and convictions of the great body of the American people, whatever difference of opinion there may be upon the course adopted by the officer entrusted, in an emergency of admitted responsibility, with the honor of the national flag." We believe the President's excellent message will be generally approved, throughout the country.

The Baltimore American says:—"We are gratified to be able to state that the letters received by the last steamer from England are of the most encouraging character in regard to business matters generally. Private letters from authentic sources also mention that the house of Mr. George Peabody, which was compelled to borrow a large sum of money from the Bank of England had not required aid to the extent apprehended, and that it had used only one hundred thousand pounds of the sum borrowed, applying even the greater part of that amount to the relief of other parties. The letters also state that the present large advance in the price of cotton is an undoubted evidence of the restoration of confidence and the resumption of manufacturing operations; and they also state that the effects of returning prosperity will soon be felt on this side of the Atlantic."

Mr. Faulkner has made an appeal to the House of Representatives to stop for awhile talking on Kansas and Gen. Walker, and to take up real business. He said, "We had a Territory in armed rebellion against the Federal Government; the inadequate forces sent out were locked up in the mountains, where they might be crushed by superior numbers, or driven to surrender from starvation. The President had called for four additional regiments. These additional regiments, if sanctioned at all by Congress, should be authorized during this month, to enable them to be filled and equipped by the month of May. The Committee on Military Affairs should necessarily be allowed some time to examine the plans of campaign, past and prospective, and to determine the proper description of force suited to the exigency, whether regular or volunteers. That Committee was now ready to act, and yet was powerless to act for want of the proper reference, suspended by this premature and he would say, under the circumstances, useless debate. The same might be said in behalf of the other important committees of the House."

After the reading of the President's Message on the Walker case, in the Senate, on Thursday, Mr. Davis dissented from the ground assumed by the message, that the neutrality laws gave the power to use the navy as a police force on the high seas, and contended that instead of sending vessels to a foreign port to intercept arrivals on those shores, they should have been stationed off New Orleans, at the mouth of the Mississippi, at Mobile, and New York. If all that was charged were true, it was but a misdeed, which, though it would justify the arrest here, would not do it there; these parties were safe from our jurisdiction as soon as they touched the shore of Nicaragua. Mr. Brown, also, spoke at some length, in dissenting from the ground assumed in the message, in relation to the neutrality laws, and censuring the act of Commodore Paulding, which he contended the President should have openly condemned, without seeking to palliate. Mr. Seward rather sustained the message as holding an exact balance. He said a high eulogium upon Major Gen. Scott, who had been sent by the Government to put an end to filibustering on the Northern frontier, and said it was the brightest all his honors and greatest of all his wreaths that he had preserved a peace between two great nations.

The United States Treasury continues in a bad way. Members of Congress can get no money. The Secretary appropriated a fund of \$80,000 for the Senate, and \$140,000 for the House, at the beginning of the session, which was equal to the amount usually disbursed for mileage and a fortnight's pay in addition. Two weeks ago the joint resolution was passed relative to the nine months' back pay, calling for \$675,000 and on this amount a dividend of only \$50,000 was declared at the close of last week, in dribbles of \$200 to each of the most needy members. The deficiency under this head of account is half a million dollars. Treasury receipts for the past week were \$463,000. Those for the past quarter do not exceed \$7,500,000, a much smaller sum than was anticipated. Estimates of \$74,000,000, with contingencies likely to carry them up to \$90,000,000, for the coming year, contrast gloomily with a current rate of receipts, equal only to \$30,000,000 per annum.

The Washington States says:—"An important discovery in gold mining is announced, the effect of which will be, it is said, very important, in greatly increasing the product of the gold region in Virginia, the Carolinas, and Georgia. The process is said to be simple and efficacious. Under this process, gold is readily extracted from the black sand which is found so abundantly in Virginia, and is similar to the black sand of California. The yield from the pulverized ore of the mines is said to be from \$20 to \$30 per ton. The patentees are Messrs. Wyrkoff & Fell. The plan has been put in operation by the Melville Gold Mining Company, in Orange county, Virginia."

The Union says that "the vote thrown in Kansas on the 21st December is set down at nearly seven thousand. The official returns at the previous October election, when Mr. Parrott was elected delegate, exhibit an aggregate of little more than twelve thousand. The falling off, therefore, from the October vote was by no means as great as has been represented by the black republicans. The unexpected magnitude of this vote (occasioned, partly by the desertion of some of the Topeka men to the cause of law and order) has doubtless alarmed the anti-Leocompton party, and had great influence in inducing the more reasonable of them to vote on the 4th instant. General Denver had taken all measures in his power to keep the peace on that day. To this end he had issued a proclamation." Considerable division is represented to prevail among the free state party, as to their future action. We hope, therefore, after all, we are approaching the end of the Kansas troubles.

The evil consequences of the famous Ostend Manifesto now begin to develop themselves, when the sentiments of that manifesto are quoted to show that the President ought to be friendly to Walker's filibustering enterprises! For instance, the Richmond Star says:—"We all remember the Ostend Manifesto. This was the substance of that famous paper. The possession of Cuba by the United States is essential to the welfare of the Republic; wherefore, if Spain will not voluntarily release its hold of the island, this Government may appropriate it by violence."

"Cession or seizure" was the formula by which the philosophy of the Ostend Manifesto was understood over the world. In other words, it involved the precise principle of filibustering, and as such was signed and approved by James Buchanan. Nay, he is the author of the paper!"

The ship Serepore, Captain Stone, from New Orleans, December 20, for Boston, with a cargo of 740 bales of cotton, 26 bbls. of tobacco, 1,050 barrels flour, 1,020, do. molasses, 100 tierces tallow, 2,000 pigs lead, 3,000 staves, 100 bundles, and 222 hides, and 70 packages merchandise, was ashore during a snow storm, on Wednesday morning, on Black Ledge, Cohasset. The captain and crew were saved, but they were badly frost-bitten. At the latest accounts the vessel was fast going to pieces.

The Richmond South thinks that "as General Cass telegraphed a prayer for the success of Walker so Mr. Buchanan will avenge his foul defeat." We trust both the President and the Secretary of State have taken "a sober second thought." Gen. Cass, though an old man, is rather impulsive, and doubtless, rushed to the telegraph too soon.

The Philadelphia Marine Exploring Company have not abandoned the work of raising sunken ships at Sebastopol. The Boston Company, who contracted with the first named company, has withdrawn from prosecuting the work. The Philadelphia Company have despatched to Liverpool \$40,000 of property recovered, and have large additional amounts on shore waiting a conveyance.

The Legislature of Maryland organized on Thursday. The House elected all the nominees of the American party. J. Summerfield Berry, of Baltimore county, was elected Speaker, and J. Vaughn Smith, of Somerset county, Clerk. The Senate elected Edwin H. Wester, of Harford, President, Chapman Harwood, Secretary, and Dr. Tingle, of Worcester county, Reading Clerk.

The Academy of Science in New Orleans has received a paper, purporting to demonstrate the fact that the waters of the Gulf, on the borders of southwestern Louisiana, and thence to Texas, are the saltiest which have been submitted to scientific tests; and that, by the process of evaporation in tanks, salt of a superior quality, equal to Turk's Island, might be obtained.

By the arrival of the schooner Sarah L. Hills, we have received advices from Turks Island to the 25th ult. The quantity of salt on hand is very large, but there are no vessels to take it; it is selling at 8 and 9 cents per bushel. There were no American vessels in port when the S. L. Hills sailed.

In the Senate, on Friday, on motion of Mr. Gwin, the committee on foreign relations were instructed to inquire into the expediency of making an appropriation by law for the compensation of a minister plenipotentiary to the empire of Japan, and for other officers of the United States government in Japan.

Wm. H. Clowes, formerly identified with the pro-slavery men in Kansas, who subsequently served under Walker in Nicaragua, and was afterwards connected with the Memphis Bulletin, committed suicide in Richmond, on the 6th, by means of laudanum.

There have been fifteen removals in the New York custom-house, and others are expected to follow. It is probable the late incumbents failed to "walk the chalk" according to party requirements.

The Vestry of St. James' Church, in Warrenton, have passed appropriate resolutions of respect for the memory of that excellent man, the late Robert L. Randolph, of Fauquier.

On New Year's eve the famous Webbells de Rakins Association in Mobile, celebrated its twenty-seventh anniversary. The scene of the festivities was the theatre where there were tableaux, dancing, feasting, &c.

The wants of Walker's men, brought to Norfolk, by the U. S. ship Saratoga, and then discharged, are said to be very pressing, many of them suffering for the necessities of life.

Mr. Scruggs of the Warrenton Whig, and Mr. Helm of the Warrenton Flag, both made eloquent speeches at the dinner to Mr. Dennis.

It is said that ex-Senator Badger, of N. C. who took a prominent part in the passage of the Kansas-Nebraska act, sustains the ground assumed by Senator Douglas.

A. M. Brown has been appointed Post Master at Glee Cottage, Alexandria county, vice Abner W. Cuth, resigned.

General Pillow is out in another long letter about Gen. Scott and the Mexican war.

Ex-Gov. Geary has defined his position on the Kansas question. He opposes the Leocompton convention.

The financial condition of the State of Maryland is steadily improving.

The Governor of Maryland, in his annual message, recommends the sale of the State's interest in the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. Speaking on this subject, the Cumberland Telegraph says:—"It has been intimated of late that the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, and the people generally of Baltimore city, are urging its sale, with a view of its transfer to the Baltimore Company. If this be true, and we believe it is, we shall oppose it. We shall do so upon good and substantial grounds. The railroad company is a monopoly of gigantic proportions already. Give her control over the canal, and she would monopolize the carrying trade, without a rival to contest her claims, and so manage it in less than six months by the imposition of high rates of transportation, as to crush out and destroy the mining interests of the county."

Communications for the public press, especially those stating circumstances and events, or desiring information, should always be accompanied by the name of the author, not to gratify curiosity, but as a guarantee of correctness, and unless this rule be complied with, it is the common custom of journals to pay no attention to them.

Neither House of Congress was in session yesterday. Both Houses adjourned on Thursday until Monday next.

The Merchants' Bank of Cleveland, Ohio, has failed.

Com. Paulding Instructions.

The Secretary of the Navy to Com. Paulding.

NAVY DEPARTMENT, Dec. 18, 1857.

SIR: Your despatches Nos. 134, 135, 137, 138, and 139, not heretofore acknowledged, have been received.

The department desires upon you particular vigilance, in carrying out the instructions heretofore given you in relation to unlawful expeditions. In doing so, you will be careful not to interfere with lawful commerce.

But where you find that an American vessel is manifestly engaged in carrying on an expedition or enterprise from the territories or jurisdiction of the United States against the territories of Mexico, Nicaragua, or Costa Rica, contrary to the 5th section of the act of Congress of April 20, 1818, you are to inform you that you will cause the force under your command to prevent it, and will not permit the men or arms engaged in it, or destined for it, to be landed in any part of Mexico or Central America.

The three points which it is most important to guard are Aspinwall, Chiriqui, and San Juan del Norte, and with this view you will dispose of the forces under your command to the best advantage.

The President desires me to inform you that he considers it all important that you should not leave the neighborhood of these points until further instructed by the department, which you are hereby ordered not to do under any circumstances.

Should the Saratoga not have left before you receive this, you will suspend Commander Chastard from his command, and order him to return to the U. States to await the further action of the department. You will then place Lieut. George S. Sinclair in command of the Saratoga, with orders to carry out the instructions of Commander Chastard of the 16th ultimo, to proceed to Norfolk.

The Jamestown, Commander Kennedy, will leave Philadelphia early next week to join you at San Juan.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOSEPH TOOLEY.

To Flag Officer, H. Paulding, Comm'r. U. S. Home Squadron, San Juan del Norte.

Senator Douglas.

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